

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mark Pirtle for being
named 2016 Business Legend of the Year by
the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mark Pirtle, who, in recognition of his talents and savvy as a business leader, has been named the 2016 Business Legend of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, having a variety of business interests, Mark Pirtle established a successful career in both real estate development and automobile sales; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pirtle has developed more than \$200 million in new building construction and land sales throughout Middle Tennessee over the past twenty-seven years, including such noteworthy projects as the Stonegate Corporate Center, the Mark Pirtle Gateway, the former State Farm property, and the Haynes property in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the General Motors Institute (now known as Kettering University), Mark Pirtle has owned auto dealerships in Shelbyville, Cookeville, and Jackson, in addition to Beckley, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mark Pirtle currently serves as a member of the board of directors and executive committee for First National Bank of McMinnville. In years past, Mr. Pirtle was the president of both the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce boards of directors, and he served as a ten-year board member for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pirtle has received a variety of accolades and honors, including being one of only ten recipients of the Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award, a four-time recipient of the Honda President's Award, and a winner of eight National Safety and Highway Awards. Mark Pirtle received the Discovery Center's 2016 Kid's First Award, was the 1996 Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, and earned Elite Dealer status from Oldsmobile; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pirtle is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-eight years, Anita Pirtle. Together they have three children, John David, Bevin, and Bo, as well as three treasured grandsons; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mark Pirtle for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mark Pirtle upon being named 2016 Business Legend of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.